

Inter-governmental Personnel Act (IPA) Opportunity
Senior Economic Advisor
Office of Program Planning and Integration (PPI)

NOAA is announcing an opportunity for an IPA position of Senior Economic Advisor, located at NOAA Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD.

The Senior Economic Advisor represents NOAA in high level departmental and interagency policy discussions that center on economic decisions and NOAA management functions, fulfilling all of the duties previously supported by the Chief Economist. The second major role of this position is to provide intellectual leadership, analysis and management expertise to develop, coordinate and implement an Agency-wide Social Science Vision and Strategy. This strategy should include an innovative social and economic science research agenda designed to address emerging issues and serve the Department's goals of climate adaptation and mitigation, resilient coastal communities and economies, a weather-ready nation and sustainable and healthy oceans. The incumbent provides advanced professional expertise in the theory and practice of economics and socioeconomics that influences the direction of NOAA's policies and resource management decisions. The Senior Economic Advisor position is located in NOAA's Office of Program Planning and Integration (PPI) with the incumbent serving as advisor to the PPI Assistant Administrator on developing socioeconomic outcome measures that will guide program management priorities and organizational performance analysis. Results of activities led by the Senior Economic Advisor influence the shaping of future agency, departmental, or national programs and the activities of the private sector and international bodies.

In addition, the NOAA Senior Economic Advisor will:

- Provide oversight in the development of cutting-edge research and analysis methodologies to advance activities of strategic importance to NOAA such as the economic valuation of ecosystem services, valuing NOAA's science, service and stewardship activities, reporting on green job creation, performance measures for societal well-being, market structure and trading rules for markets for ecosystem services, and other special projects.
- Identify and provide economic and social science analysis of emerging environmental issues such as climate change, catch shares, marine planning, and ecosystem-based management.
- Liaise with special interest groups such as conservationists, private enterprise, non-profits, the Congress, the Administration and international concerns.
- Manage small, senior staff that initiates independent analysis to evaluate policy options for efficient management of NOAA's mission-driven science and operations.
- Work with cross-Line Office teams of social scientists to advance NOAA goals.

The ideal candidate will be a recognized expert in the field of economics and social science, particularly as pertains to marine and ocean resources and the application of policy. He/she should have experience in the administration or management of economic and/or social science studies. He/she should have experience working with groups with diverse viewpoints and building consensus on complex or sensitive issues. He/she should also have experience communicating complex ideas concisely to senior level leaders.

As one of NOAA's six Line Offices, PPI performs vital corporate functions for NOAA in the form of strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation, and cross-Line and -Staff Office integration. PPI is responsible for developing, reviewing, and updating NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP), guiding the Strategy, Execution, and Evaluation (SEE) system for NOAA, managing National Environmental Policy Act coordination for the Agency, coordinate NOAA's Regional Collaboration Network, and guides on NOAA's socioeconomic economic and social science at the corporate level.

If interested, please submit a CV, cover letter and a list of three references to: Hillary Huffer, Social Science Analyst (hillary.huffer@noaa.gov) no later than May 1, 2013.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Linwood Pendleton, Chief Economist, (Linwood.pendleton@noaa.gov) and cc: Leah Bunce Karrer (leah.b.karrer@noaa.gov).